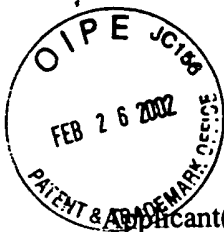


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Honorable Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2001. Please amend the above-identified application as directed below. This paper is accompanied by the following items:

- Change of Correspondence Address
- Two Sheets Proposed Drawing
- Sketch Illustrating Beam Expander
- Marked Version of Specification Amendments
- Marked Version of Amended Claims
- Acknowledgment Postcard

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please enter the enclosed two sheets of proposed drawing containing new Figs. 4 and 5, respectively. No new matter is contained in the drawings.